

# INFORMATION BULLETIN

## WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT

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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: DEBARMENT OF SERVICE PROVIDERS

The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) regulations require compliance with government-wide debarment and suspension as specified in Title 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 98. Title 29 CFR part 98 prohibits contracting with debarred parties, both individual and entities. Section 667.220 of the WIA regulations indicates that Title 29 CFR Part 95 for nonprofit and commercial entities and Title 29 CFR Part 97 for governmental entities provide guidance for uniform fiscal and administrative requirements. These codes provide specific guidance concerning the procurement of goods and services including forbidding purchases from debarred parties.

During the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) program, the State published a list of entities barred from receiving federal funds. The Unemployment Insurance (UI) Code authorized debarment of entities that were indebted to JTPA awarding agencies. There is no State code authorizing the Workforce Investment Division to bar entities from receiving WIA funds. This does not prevent a local area from evaluating the bidder's or proposer's ability to perform successfully under the terms and conditions of a proposed procurement based on previous indications of failure to repay a debt to a JTPA awarding agency.

The federal government maintains a list of federally debarred parties. This list is available on the Internet at <http://epls.arnet.gov>.

If you have any questions, please call Georganne Baldwin Pintar, Local Policy Guidance Unit Manager, at (916) 654-7611.

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